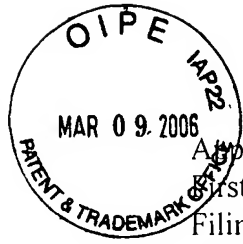


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.